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DRAFT OF A MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NSC

Subject: The Dulles Report, as it Pertains to the IAC

Reference: (a) Memorandum to the DCI from the Executive Secretary,
NSC, dated 24 January 1949

1. The Intelligence Advisory Committee has given consideration to the Dulles Report and submits below its agreed comments on the Conclusions and Recommendations therein which pertain to the IAC.

2. The IAC has no objection to the suggestion in Paragraph 3 on Page 27 that the CIA should be empowered and encouraged to establish, through its Director, closer liaison with the two members of the National Security Council on whom it chiefly depends, namely, the Secretaries of State and Defense.

3. The IAC thinks it would be a good idea to have the FBI as a member of the Intelligence Advisory Committee as recommended in Paragraph 3 on Page 63.

4. The IAC, Navy dissenting, agrees with Paragraph 5 on Page 63 that the IAC is soundly conceived but it should participate more actively with the DCI in the continuing coordination of intelligence activities. The Navy agrees only with the goal of more actively participating with the DCI in continuing coordination. It does not think the IAC is soundly conceived and is submitting separate comments on this subject.

5. The IAC thinks that the JIC and AEC should NOT be dropped as regular members from the IAC, as contemplated by Paragraph 6 on Page 63.

6. The IAC concurs that the procedure in Paragraph 4 on Page 81 should be followed, i.e. "Under the leadership of the DCI, these estimates should be submitted for discussion and approval by the reconstituted IAC whose members should assume collective responsibility for them."

7. The IAC concurs that provision should be made in these arrangements for the handling of crisis situations when coordinated estimates are required without delay as stated in Paragraph 5 on Page 81.

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8. The IAC approves of the statement in Paragraph 6 on Page 81 that coordinated intelligence estimates produced in this way must, in order to be effective, be recognized as the most authoritative estimates available to the policy makers.

9. The IAC agrees that there should be effective coordination between the work of the Joint Intelligence Committee in the field of military estimates and that of the CIA and IAC in the field of national estimates, as stated in Paragraph 5 on Page 149.

10. Comments by individual members of the IAC are submitted in another section of this reply.

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